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MEMORANDUM FOR:  
FROM :

E/C

SUBJECT

Comments on Memorandum of 17 February 1955 - "Some Projects for E/C"

The following comments on your memorandum are submitted:

1. Under Summary - (E) Change EDIC to EDAC.

2. Under Project 2 -

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- a) [REDACTED], ACBP Staff, reported on 10 February that JOC had not yet taken action to produce a short list of decentralised items which should be subject to surveillance. He did not know when this matter would be taken up.
- b) On 17 February I discussed this matter with [REDACTED] and suggested that he "needs" [REDACTED] on the subject.

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3. Suggested Project 6

Initiation by E/C of work on Soviet trade tactics and re-activation of an EDIC subgroup on this subject.

D/E terms of reference under the 27 May 1954 Memorandum of Understanding (still in effect) provide that this Division is responsible for "the production of intelligence studies required for economic defense purposes on subjects other than commodities, such as Soviet trade tactics, Soviet economic penetration of Latin America, the effects of differential controls on various countries within the Bloc, etc."

EDIC has already participated in the preparation of papers used by the USDBL in connection with the GO Resolution on Soviet Trade Tactics, and EDAC is at present actively pushing this topic in COCOM.

E/C analysts are collaborating, on an ad hoc basis, with OCI and ORR in the production of spot studies in response to requests laid on by MDAC.

It is suggested that consideration be given to formalizing this work, both in E/C and EDIC.

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